Periodicals—Automation Letters

Related QSGs: 200, 750, 810, 811, 922, 923, 924



Eliaibility Overview (E210, E240) All Periodicals mail must be sorted and may be eligible for a reduced rate if prepared and sorted under additional specific standards. Mailings eligible for automation discounts must contain automationcompatible (C810) 100% delivery point barcoded (C840) pieces, sorted as described below.

Rates and Fees (R200)

Rates include addressed piece charge, pound rates (advertising and nonadvertising), and applicable discounts; factors include place of mailing, destination, presort, etc.

- 5-Digit (optional): 150 or more pieces to the same 5-digit/scheme placed in a 5-digit/scheme tray.
- 3-Digit: 150 or more pieces to the same 3-digit/scheme placed in a 3-digit/scheme tray.
- Basic: 150 or more pieces to the same AADC placed in an AADC tray, and all remaining pieces placed in mixed AADC trays.

Destination entry discounts (DSCF and DADC) have additional standards (E250).

Not all presort levels may be claimed in combination with other automation or destination entry discounts.

Ride-Along rate available for items eligible for Standard Mail (E260).

Addressing (A800, A950) Each piece must also include a complete delivery address with correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code. Address and barcode quality subject to A800 and CASS/MASS standards in A950. Addresses matched using CASS/MASS-certified process within 180 days before mailing.

Characteristics and Content (C200, C810, C840)

Maximum weight: 3.3 ounces (pieces over 3 ounces must meet additional standards in C810.8.5). Shape: rectangular.

Dimensions: Minimum: 3-1/2 inches high, 5 inches long, and either 0.007 inch thick if not more than 4-1/4 inches high and 6 inches long; or 0.009 inch thick if more than 4-1/4 inches high or 6 inches long, or both.

■ Maximum: 6-1/8 inches high, 11-1/2 inches long, and 1/4 inch thick.

All letter-size reply cards and envelopes (business reply, courtesy reply, and meter reply mail) provided as enclosures must meet the standards in C810.9.

Deposit (D200)

(M810)

Deposit only at authorized original and/or additional entry post office(s), unless authorized exceptional dispatch under D210.

Mail Preparation and Sortation

See reverse for presort.

Documentation:

- Postage statement: Form 3541, *Periodicals One Issue or One Edition*.
- Supporting documentation: required by rates claimed, including marked copy. Documentation generated by PAVE-certified software or printed in standardized format.
- Form 3553 for address and barcode accuracy must be retained by mailer for 1 year (A950). 1-foot or 2-foot trays used where appropriate (e.g., when there is enough mail to fill a 2-foot tray, a 2-foot tray must be used).

Pink barcoded tray labels required (M032). See reverse for pink tray label Line 2 information. Trays sleeved and strapped (M033). See M033.1.6 for exceptions to strapping for mailings that originate and destinate in delivery area of same SCF. Strapping not required on trays placed on 5-digit, 3-digit, and SCF pallets that are secured with stretchwrap.

Postage and **Payment** Methods (P200, P950)

Advance deposit account(s) at the original and each additional entry post office, unless authorized under Centralized Postage Payment (CPP).

This guide is an overview only. For the specific DMM standards applicable to this category of mail, consult the DMM sections referenced above and the general sections within each DMM module. Quick Service Guide

Traying Sequence (M810.3)

5-Digit/Scheme

Trays: Optional, at least 150 pieces to same 5-digit ZIP Code or optional 5-digit scheme destination; packaging not permitted; only one overflow tray permitted per destination.

Barcoded Labels: For Line 1: on 5-digit trays, use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code on mail; on optional 5-digit scheme trays, use destination shown in City State File.

Rate: 5-Digit

3-Digit/Scheme

Trays: Required, at least 150 pieces to same 3-digit ZIP Code/ scheme destination; packaging not permitted; only one overflow tray permitted per destination. (Exception: One less-than-full tray must be prepared for any remaining pieces for each 3-digit ZIP Code/scheme of origin post office.)

Barcoded Labels: For Line 1, use L002, Column B, for destination facility.

Rate: 3-Digit

AADC

Trays: Required, at least 150 pieces to same AADC; packaging not permitted; only one overflow tray permitted per destination. Pieces must be grouped by 3-digit ZIP Code prefix or 3-digit/scheme if applicable.

Barcoded Labels: For Line 1, use L801 for destination facility.

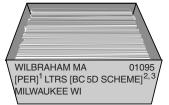
Rate: Basic

Mixed AADC

Trays: Required, any remaining pieces placed in mixed AADC trays grouped by AADC; only one less-than-full mixed AADC tray permitted per mailing.

Barcoded Labels: For Line 1, use L803 for destination facility (for BMC/ASF entry, use L802).

Rate: Basic









- 1. Use "NEWS" only if issued weekly or more frequently.
- 2. Use "5D BC" on 5-digit trays; use "BC 5D SCHEME" on 5-digit scheme trays.
- 3. For news 5-digit scheme trays, use "NEWS LTRS BC 5D SCHEME."
- 4. Use "3D BC" on 3-digit trays; use "BC SCHEME" on 3-digit scheme trays and, if applicable, as shown in L002, Column B, followed by the letter "A," "B," or "C."

Packaging not permitted in full trays. Packaging required in mailings consisting entirely of card-size pieces and for pieces placed in less-than-full 3-digit origin and mixed AADC trays.

Where overflow trays are permitted, they are required for required presort levels (M033.2).